



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Research and
Special Programs
Administration**

400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

JAN 22 2001

Mr. Bruce Bartz
Bruce Bartz, Inc.
P.O. Box 30067
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33303

Ref. No. 01-0011

Re: Carriage of Self-inflating Life Jackets as Baggage on Aircraft

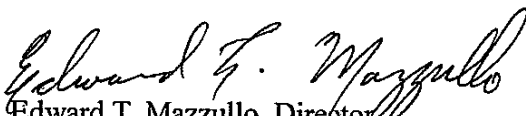
Dear Mr. Bartz:

This responds to your January 10, 2001 letter concerning the carriage of self-inflating life jackets on passenger-carrying aircraft in checked or carry-on baggage.

Section 175.10(a)(25) of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180) permits an airline passenger or crew member to carry one small carbon dioxide cylinder fitted into a self-inflating life jacket, together with one spare carbon dioxide cylinder, in checked or carry-on baggage with the approval of the aircraft operator. Provided the aircraft operator approves such carriage, the self-inflating life jacket and carbon dioxide cylinders are not subject to any other requirements of the HMR.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,


Edward T. Mazzullo, Director
Office of Hazardous Materials Standards



010011

175.10

BRUCE BARTZ, INC.

Fire and Rescue Equipment

January 10, 2001

Mazzullo
File: 175.10

Mr. Ed Mazzullo
Director-Office of Hazardous
Material Standards
United States Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street
S. W. Washington, D.C. 20590

Reference: 49 CFR 175.10 Paragraph A-25

Dear Mr. Mazzullo,

This a follow up to our phone conversation on 12-15-00.

As discussed, I am requesting a "To Whom It May Concern"
letter, directed to all the commercial airline carriers
regarding the above referenced subject.

This would really help local, state and federal agencies,
as well as the private sector when responding to disasters.
A letter from you would really help to cut through the
red tape.

Should you need any more information from me, you can
reach me at 954-467-2441.

Sincerely,



Bruce Bartz
BRUCE BARTZ, INC.